

Feliz Navidad to All!

After rereading last year's letter to see what has happened since, I realize that we cannot fit it all onto one page, sorry. We'll try to recap.

The easiest way to keep up with Eric is to visit his web page, often. He puts up a monthly holiday page, plus his page is the forum for the bike club, the Guatemala Partnership, any pictures people send him (within reason), the Wood family reunion (2001) and the Dyck family reunion (2002). He surpassed his goal of 1000 "hits" this year. Eric continues to build his practice in Louisburg and periodically makes the paper. He again passed the Family Practice boards this summer; and he continues to write questions for the boards (he doesn't think they can track whether he got his own questions right). He and Margie traveled to Guatemala in November for another memorable experience. He enjoyed a paint ball outing with his sons and friends from Wichita. Must be a male thing.

Margie has put in a full year at KUMED. She enjoys working with the students, who are Alan's age this year. She feels pretty much "broken in", but occasionally runs into something new. Even though she works every other weekend and misses church, she keeps up with weekly bells, orchestra, Wednesday supper, ChristCare group and Bible study. She and Eric spent a few days in Sonoma Valley to celebrate their 25th anniversary. She survived traveling to Guatemala with Eric and leaving a 17 year old home alone, for eight days, while his parents were in a different country. Her family enjoyed another wonderful time at Thanksgiving in Manhattan, complete with a family concert. Watch out Wood Reunion talent show. She and Eric are anticipating next year's empty nest.

Alan is now one half done with college. He feels that he's been there forever and still can't see the light at the end. He's been studying things like lights, statics, dynamics and drawing (sounds like play to me). He definitely has the engineer mentality. He still lives in the same house, but two of the original four have moved on. His house mate has changed majors once and added two more minors, so he will probably be there five years with Alan.

Daniel is a big senior and he has taken it well. This summer we visited University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, KU and KSU. He is still undecided about next year, and may attend Johnson Co JUCO to be near friends. He has persevered in four years of band. They are going to Washington, DC in April for a concert band trip. (Happily they decided not to do the Inaugural Parade trip). He has been working for our local vet since May and enjoys walking dogs and cleaning cages, no matter the weather. His Christmas vacation will be spent walking 350 dogs.

Our Web Page address: www.KansasFolks.net

Eric, Margie, Alan, and Daniel Dyck

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